

# *Burning Issues in Pancreatic Pain:* Risk Predictions: Pancreatic Pain

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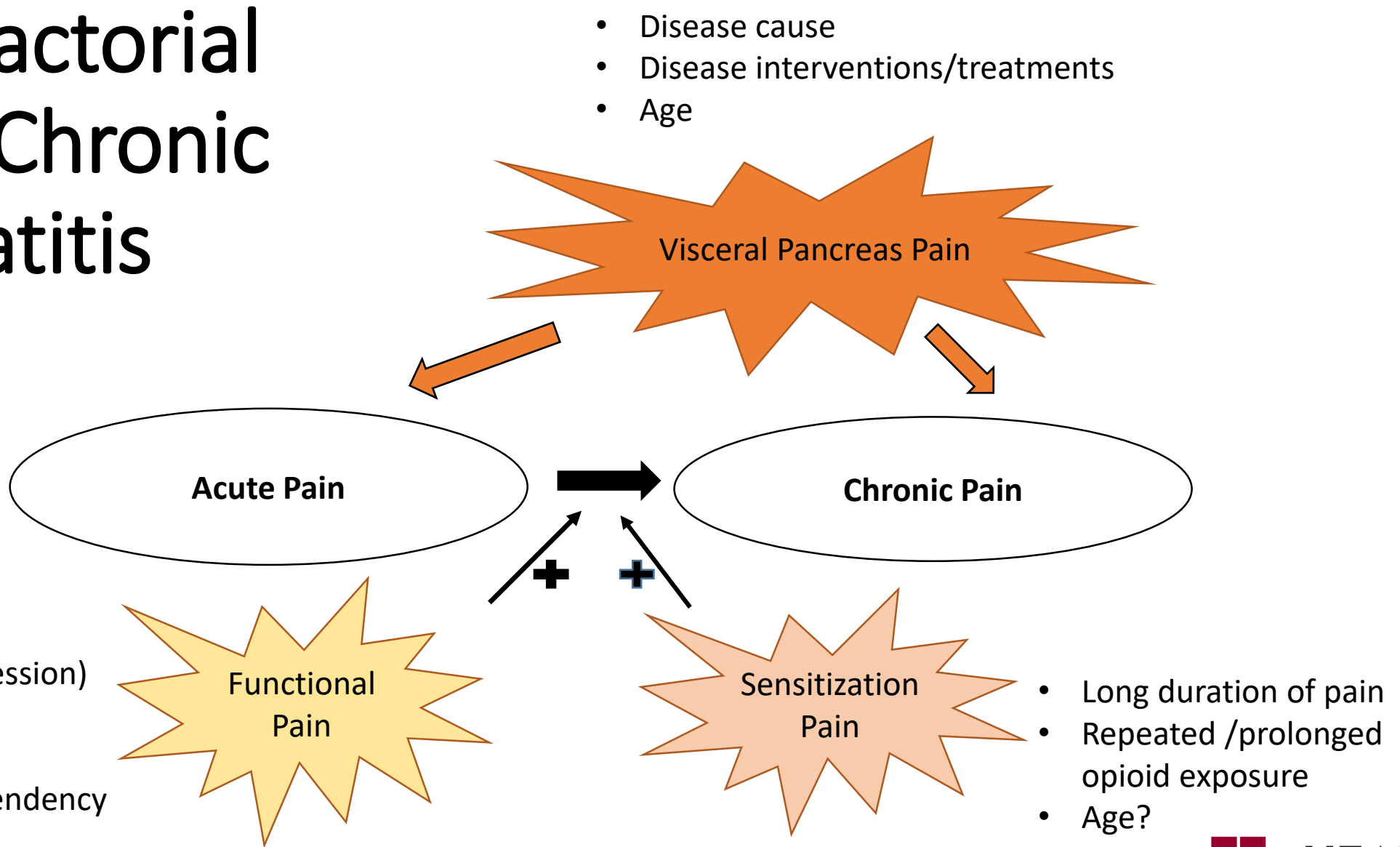
# Risk Factors for Pancreas Pain

- Chronic pancreatitis is a heterogeneous disease
  - Variable disease course, including pain burden
  - Variable response to treatment
- What factors may contribute to high pain burden?
- What predicts response to treatment?
  - Pain relief vs persistent pain



# Multi-Factorial Pain in Chronic Pancreatitis

- Mental health (anxiety/depression)
- Social support structure
- Chemical dependency



# TPIAT Procedure

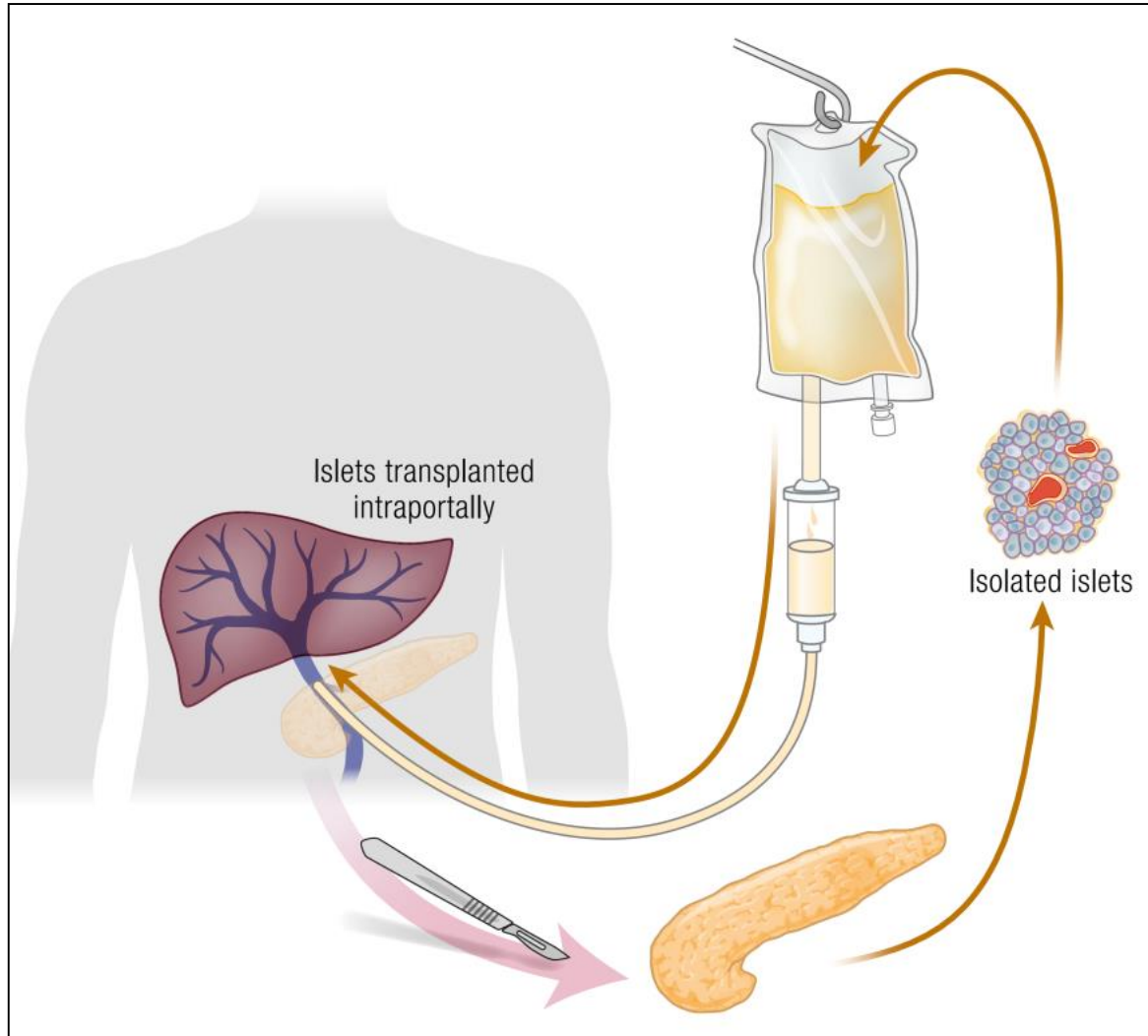


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- 1) **Pancreatectomy** (and associated GI and biliary anastomoses)
  - **Goal**= relieve pain
- 2) **Islet isolation and islet autotransplant**
  - **Goal**= minimize diabetes

# Factors Predicting Outcomes After a Total Pancreatectomy and Islet Autotransplantation Lessons Learned From Over 500 Cases

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- **Associated with persistent ‘pancreatitis’ pain:**

- Pancreas Divisum
- Whipple
- Repeated ERCP stents

- BMI >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

- **Opioid use >5 years pre-TPIAT**

# Response to TPIAT

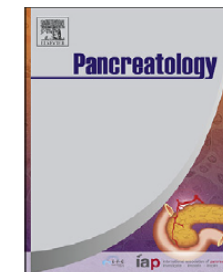
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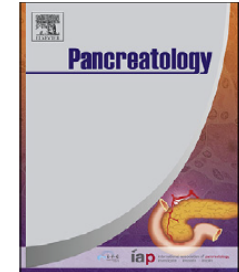
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**Table 3**

Potential risk factors for worse pain or poor diabetes mellitus outcomes after TPIAT, based on

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Risk Factors Persistent Pain, Opioid Dependence, or Poor Quality of Life

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- Pancreas divisum
- Obesity (BMI >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Previous pancreatic surgery (Whipple)
- Previous endoscopy and the number of endoscopic stents
- Older age
- High amount of preoperative narcotic intake
- Alcoholic pancreatitis



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# Potential outcome predictors (POST preliminary data, ~250 participants)

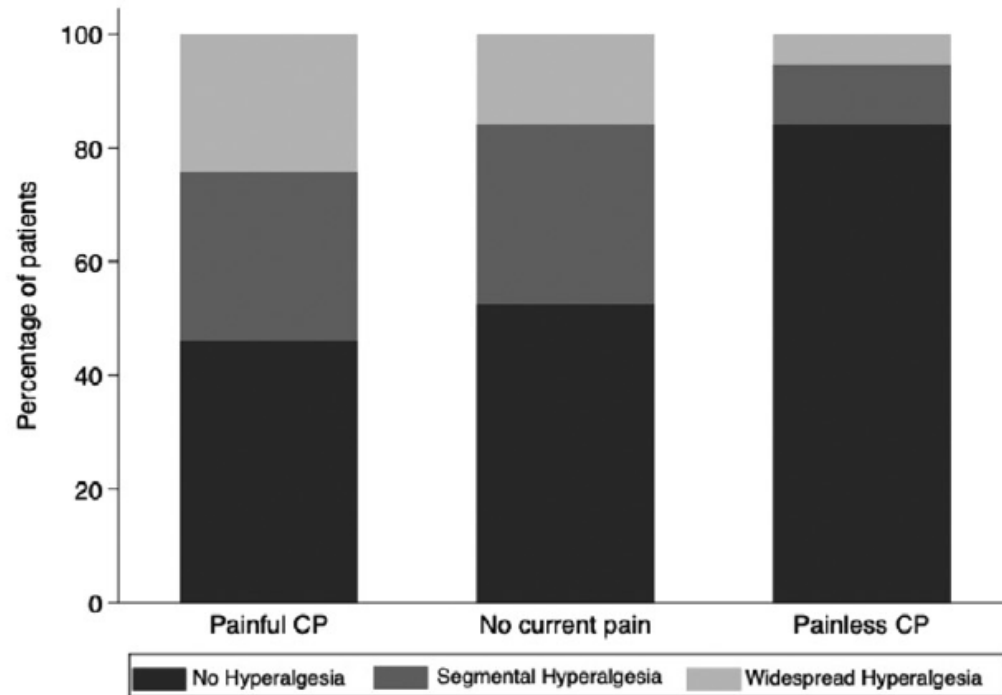
- Opioid use decreased [~1/4th on opioids at 1 year]
  - Age and opioid use pre-TPIAT associated w/1 year opioid use
  - Longer duration of disease was a risk factor in children (rarely on opioids at 1 year)
- SF-12 PCS increased  $\geq 5$  points in most
  - But in adults, smoking and anxiety associated with lower PCS

POST

*Preliminary unpublished data from POST*

# Sensitization is associated with higher pain burden, and may be more prevalent in alcohol-related CP

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- Higher rates of hyperalgesia by QST with painful CP, or intermittent painful CP.
- Trend towards higher proportion of alcoholic disease in sensitization groups (~50% vs 34% in no hyperalgesia,  $p=0.09$ )

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# In other pancreatic surgeries, pre-operative QST was associated with risk for persistent pain

## Altered central pain processing after pancreatic surgery for chronic pancreatitis

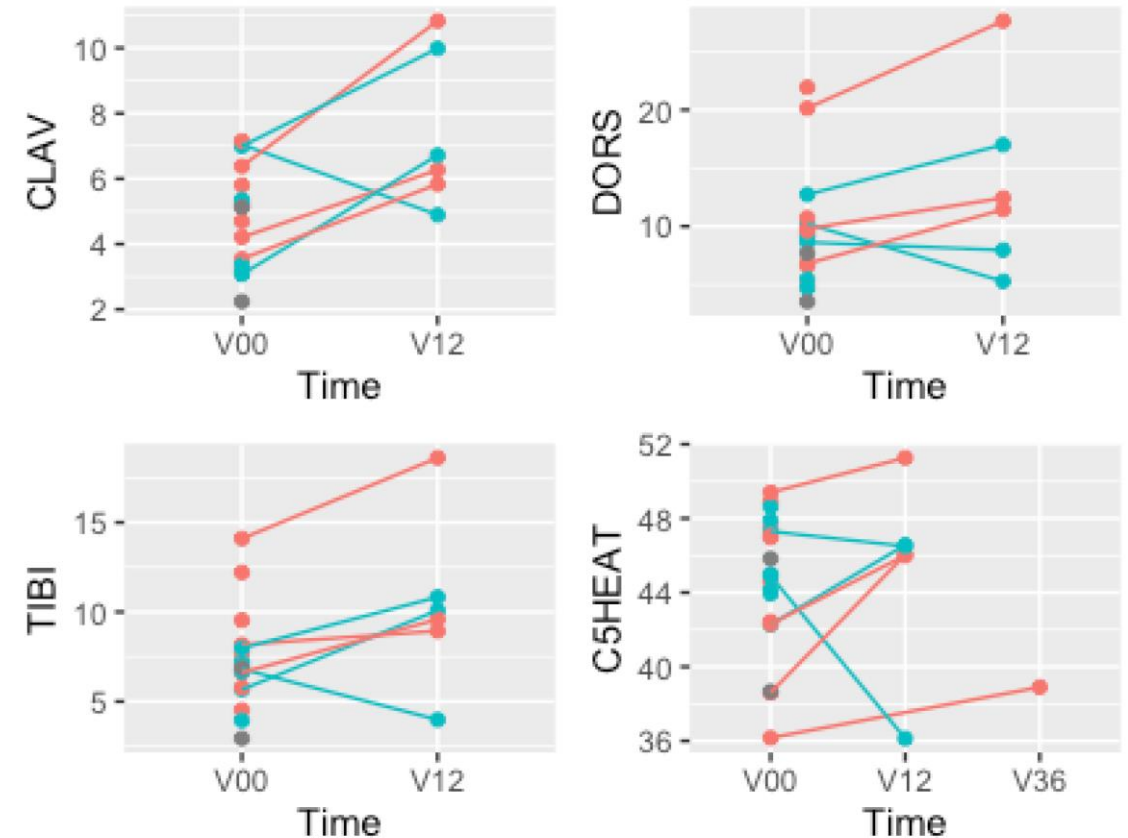
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	Good pain outcome	Poor pain outcome	P <sup>*</sup>
ePDT (mA)			
Sum of dermatomes	11.2 (10.0–12.3)	7.1 (4.7–9.5)	0.008
Dermatome C5	5.2 (3.9–6.4)	3.4 (2.6–4.7)	0.039
Dermatome L4	5.9 (4.7–7.3)	3.2 (2.3–5.1)	0.003
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Dermatome L4	6.5 (5.7–8.0)	4.6 (3.4–6.6)	0.079
CPM			
Latency (s)	113 (42–180)	40 (25–180)	0.316
Response (%)	21.3 (–5.8 to 37.1)	–12.1 (–40.1 to 21.1)	0.021

# QST and response to TPIAT

- Small cohort of 20 patients pre-TPIAT
- QST Pre-TPIAT
  - Pressure and heat stimuli
  - Ice bucket conditioning (CPM)
- Trend towards higher pain thresholds for heat and pressure after surgery but unclear relationship to opioid use

*Opioid use at 6 months, Y=teal, N=pink*



Unpublished data from POST

# Disease etiology and risk for persistent pain

## ***Hereditary (PRSS1)***

**TABLE 1.** Demographic Characteristics and 1-Year Outcomes for 64 Patients With *PRSS1* Undergoing TPIAT

1-yr outcomes	
Not using opioids, n (%)	48 (of 57 with data) (85)
Average daily pain score (n = 34), mean (SD)	1.47 (1.74)
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SF-36: PCS (n = 37), mean (SD)	52.2 (9.1)
Insulin independent, n (%)	18 (28.1)
Graft failure, n (%)	10 (15.6)
Hemoglobin A1c level (%), mean (SD)	6.87 (1.55)
Fasting glucose, mean (SD), mg/dL	119 (45)
Fasting C-peptide, mean (SD), ng/mL	0.86 (0.52)
Stimulated C-peptide, mean (SD), ng/mL	2.30 (1.38)

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## Alcoholic

**Table 5.** Short Form-36: Patients with Alcoholic Pancreatitis Undergoing Islet Cell Autotransplantation

Description	Survey				p Value
	Preoperative	6 mo	1 y	2+ y	
Physical functioning	34.7	35	34.9	32.8	0.98
Role physical	32.3	32.1	30.7	31.2	0.99
Bodily pain	31	40.3	37.7	34.3	<0.01
General health	32.4	37	29.1	30	0.33
Vitality	38.5	42.9	34	38.2	0.27
Social functioning	35.2	34.7	31.3	28.3	0.49
Role emotional	30.6	26.4	23.5	24.7	0.72
Mental health	38.2	32.7	28.5	31.4	0.25
Physical component	31.1	41.1	36	36.2	0.10
Mental component	37.5	31.6	26	28.8	0.20

No improvement in McGill pain score.

EtOH disease was associated with worse pain outcomes.

(*J Am Coll Surg* 2013;216:591–598.)

# Conclusions

- Predictors for response to treatments remain poorly defined but may include:
  - Sensitization (QST measures)
  - Age and disease duration
  - Opioid exposure pre-treatment
  - Mental health comorbidities
  - Alcohol use history or smoking
  - Disease causes (genetic vs idiopathic vs alcoholic)
- Some of these risk factors may impact ongoing chronic pain through sensitization and functional pathways
- Better defining patient /disease risks and novel biomarkers or measures will help target major procedures (surgeries/TPIAT) to the 'right' candidates



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